

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (*Canceled*).

2. (*Previously Presented*) The device according to claim 31, further comprising a plurality of openings in said body portion.

Claim 3 (*Canceled*).

4. (*Previously Presented*) The device according to claim 2, further comprising a strap that is threaded through each one of said plurality of openings.

Claims 5-12 (*Canceled*).

13. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 18, further comprising a plurality of openings in said body portion.

14. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 13, further comprising a strap that is threaded through each one of said plurality of openings.

Claims 15-17 (*Canceled*).

18. (*Previously Presented*) A system for holding garment hangers, comprising:

- a garment hanging rod with a diameter of a first dimension;
- a hook shaped member having a body portion and a hook portion;

an opening in said body portion for receiving a strap;
an extended hook region on an end of said hook portion and having an extended hook region surface;
a body portion surface opposing said extended hook region surface and defining a hook opening between said body portion surface and said extended hook region surface;
wherein said hook shaped member is inserted onto and removed from said garment hanging rod by passing said garment hanging rod through said hook opening; and
wherein said extended hook region surface and said opposing body portion surface are configured such that a distance between said extended hook region surface and said opposing body portion surface has a second dimension approximately a same size as said first dimension of said diameter of said garment hanging rod such that passage of said rod through said hook opening is impeded.

Claims 19-25 (*Canceled*).

26. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 18, wherein said opening in said body portion is rectangular.

27. (*Previously Presented*) The device according to claim 31, wherein said opening in said body portion is rectangular.

28. (*Previously Presented*) The system according to claim 18, wherein said body portion surface and said extended hook region surface are convexly curved.

29. (*Currently Amended*) A device for holding garment hangers, comprising:

a hook portion having an extended hook region surface defining one side of a hook opening and further having a rod retaining surface adapted to be carried directly on a rod;

a body portion connected to said hook portion and having a body portion surface opposed to said extended hook region surface and defining a second side of said hook opening;

a transition surface that interconnects said body portion surface and said rod retaining surface, wherein said transition surface is curved with no linear segments;

a long axis of said device passing through said hook portion and said body portion; and

wherein when said long axis of said device is orthogonal to the rod, said extended hook region surface is convexly shaped in a direction parallel to the rod and across said extended hook region surface when said extended hook region surface is viewed in a direction from a side of said device when looking into said hook opening orthogonal to the rod,[[;]] ~~wherein~~ said body portion surface is convexly shaped in the direction parallel to the rod and across said body portion surface when said body portion surface is viewed in the direction from the side of said device when looking into said hook opening orthogonal to the rod,[[;]] and ~~wherein~~ said body portion surface is also convexly shaped along said body portion surface when said body portion surface is viewed in the direction parallel to the rod such that a size of said hook opening decreases towards a point and thereafter increases.

Claim 30 (*Canceled*).

31. (*Previously Presented*) The device according to claim 29, further comprising an opening in said body portion.

32. (*Currently Amended*) The device according to claim 31, ~~wherein a long axis of said device passes through said hook portion and said body portion and~~ wherein said opening in said body portion has a long dimension transverse to said axis.